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SUBJECT: RESEARCH CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR YOKOSUKA AND  
JAPANESE COAST

1. THE NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY (NRL) IS PLANNING A RESEARCH CRUISE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE WORK IN YOKOSUKA HARBOR AND THE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND SHELF AREA OFF THE COAST OF JAPAN. THE RESEARCH WOULD BE CONDUCTED UTILIZING USNS MIZAR (T-AGOR-11), A 3000 TON NAVAL VESSEL WHICH IS 266 FEET LONG, HAS A BEAM OF 51 FEET 6 INCHES AND A NAVIGATIONAL DRAFT OF 20 FEET. THE MASTER IS ROBERT MACCAULEY AND THE CREW CONSISTS OF 11 OFFICERS AND 28 MEN. THE SENIOR SCIENTIST IS DR. CONRAD H. CHEEK, NRL, AND THERE IS A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 13.

2. THE MARINE SCIENTIFIC STUDIES TO BE CONDUCTED ON THIS  
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CRUISE INVOLVE CHEMICAL STUDIES OF THE WATER COLUMN,

SEDIMENTS AND MARINE ATMOSPHERE; AND BIOLOGICAL STUDIES OF

THE SEDIMENTS AND WATER. FOR SEVERAL YEARS NRL SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN MEASURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRACE GASES (CO, CH<sub>4</sub> AND OTHER LIGHT HYDROCARBONS) IN THE UPPER LAYERS OF THE OCEAN IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE ROLE OF THE OCEANS IN THE GEOCHEMISTRY OF THESE GASES AND ESTABLISH BASELINES AS INDICES FOR ASSESSING MARINE POLLUTION. THIS CRUISE WILL

EXTEND GAS MEASUREMENTS TO SPAN THE EQUATORIAL PACIFIC AND SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE DATA BASE.

3. THE PLANNED ITINERARY CALLS FOR MIZAR TO ARRIVE YOKOSUKA FOR 28 APRIL TO 2 MAY PORT CALL. MIZAR DEPARTS 2 MAY ENROUTE GUAM. IT IS DESIRED TO COMMENCE SEDIMENT SAMPLING WHILE IN PORT OF YOKOSUKA AND COLLECT TWO SEDIMENT SAMPLES FROM THE SHELF AREA OFF THE COAST ALONG THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE FROM YOKOSUKA TO GUAM.

4. PARTICIPATION BY JAPANESE SCIENTISTS CAN BE ARRANGED AND/OR DATA AND RESULTS MADE AVAILABLE. ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT PARTICIPATION BY AT LEAST TWO JAPANESE SCIENTISTS. INTERESTED PERSONS CAN CONTACT:

-- DR. CONRAD H. CHEEK  
-- CODE 8330 NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY  
-- WASHINGTON, D.C. 20375

5. REQUEST YOU APPROACH GOJ TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR PORT CALL AND ABOVE OPERATIONS. INGERSOLL

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